Industry, Ministry of Agriculture has been informed of the above investigations to prevent transfer of assets of M/s. Seagram to other companies.

Use of Idle Funds by Government

1006. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ministries told to use Rs. 5,000 crore idle funds" which appeared in the Economic Times, New Delhi on 29th June, 2001; and

(b) if so, what are the details of idle funds and what are the details of these funds to be used by the various Ministries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government is aware of the news-item appearing in the Economic Times dated 29.6.2001;

(b) The reference in the news report is to the Plan outlays of various Ministries like Road Transport & Highways, Steel, Civil Aviation, Agriculture, Railways and Rural Development. As indicated in the Budget documents for 2001-2002 presented to Parliament, the Plan outlays of these Ministries are as follows:

(Rs. Crore)

Ministry	Outlay		Total
	Budget Support	I.E.B.R.	
1	2	3	4
Agriculture	3009	—	3009
Civil Aviation	63	1578	1641
Railways	3540	6500	10040

1	2	3	4
Rural Development	9765	—	9765
Steel	24	1285	1309
Road Transport & Highways	5127	3600	8727

The concerned Ministries are monitoring the expenditure with reference to these outlays.

Overall growth rate of economy

1007. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that overall growth rate of the economy for the last fiscal year has fallen;

(b) if so, to what extent; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) As per the revised estimates released by the Central Statistical Organisation, the growth rate in gross domestic product (GDP) at factor cost at constant (1993-94) prices is estimated at 5.2 per cent for 2000-01 as against the growth rate of 6.4 per cent during the year 1999-2000. The lower growth in overall GDP in 2000-01 is attributed to a lower growth originating in agriculture and allied, industry and services sectors during 2000-01 compared with 1999-2000. Table below gives overall and sectoral growth rates in gross domestic product (GDP) at factor cost at constant prices for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

Estimates of GDP at factor cost by Economic Activity
(at 1993-94 prices)

	1999-2000(Q)	2000-01(R)
I. Agriculture and allied sectors	0.7	0.2
	6.4	5.3
II. Industry		
1. Mining & Quarrying	1.7	3.7
2. Manufacturing	6.8	5.6